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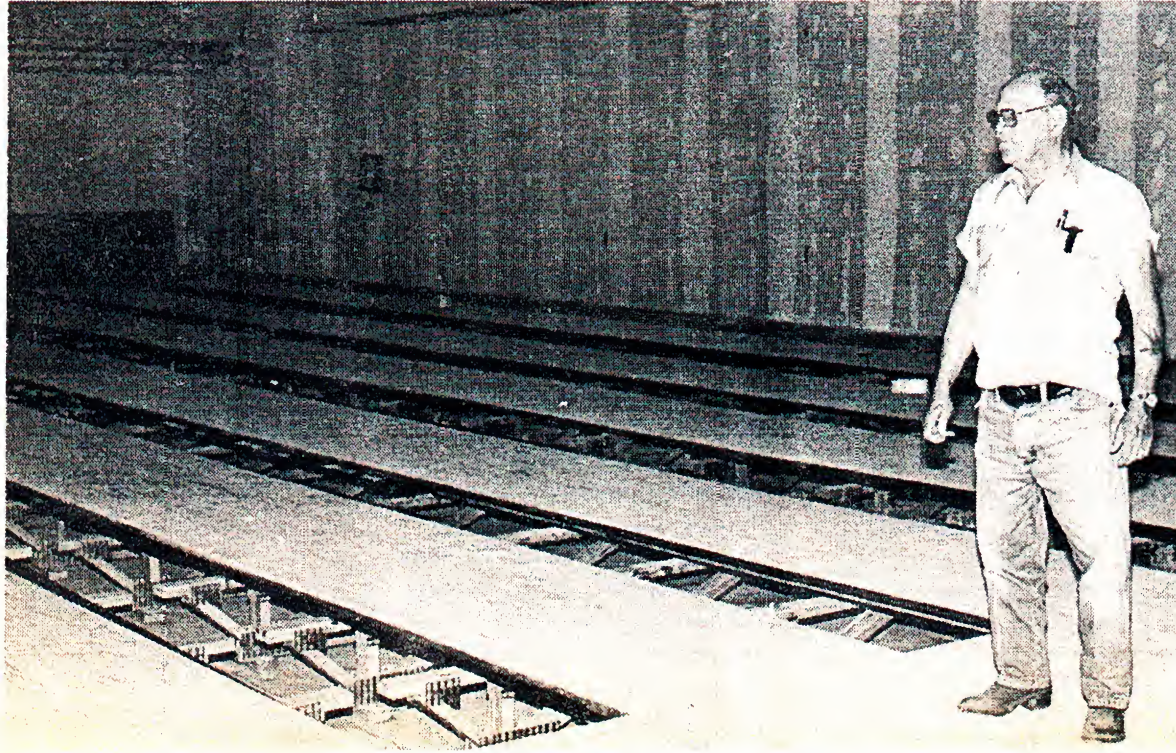
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Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

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## *Within Striking Distance*

*Tribal Operations Manager Robert Dunning looks over the new lanes going in at Fire Lake Lanes. Work on the tribe's latest entertainment enterprise is proceeding quickly, with a summer opening date projected.*

## *First Oklahoma Bank approved for trust powers, tribal members to see benefits in near future*

A major change coming at the tribe's First Oklahoma Bank will mean increased benefits to tribal members as well as new opportunities for the bank itself.

Bank and tribal officials recently received word that First Oklahoma has been approved for trust powers, which means that the bank will soon open a trust department and offer fiduciary services to its customers.

Just what does that mean to customers of the bank and tribal members?

"A trust department acts in a fiduciary capacity to manage the financial assets of individuals, businesses and other entities," explained First Oklahoma president Larry Briggs. "Unless there is a trust

department, a bank can't do that.

"The trust department is set up as part of the bank," he said, "but functions separately. For instance, a lot of people will name the bank as executor of their estate. That would be done through the trust department, and the assets would be completely separated from the rest of bank.

"Where it will be interesting for tribal members is in three areas: (1) it means we can handle the assets of tribal members where ever they may be, (2) we can handle an individual's assets held in trust by the BIA, (3) and we can handle any other tribal monies out there that may be held in trust," Briggs said.

"It is extremely unusual for a bank our size to have a trust department," Briggs added. "It is only possible because of our relationship with the tribe. Otherwise, it wouldn't make economic sense." That's because the trust designation will make it possible for the bank to hold BIA funds rather than the government.

"Tribes have had the capability in years past to take BIA funds to manage themselves," he said, "but the sophistication was not such that the BIA would let them. Now I think the sophistication is there." To convince the government of that, the tribe must present an investment policy, which has to be approved. That policy

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## **Melot wins new term, two major questions on 1995 tribal ballot**

*Trust funds, scholarship eligibility changes proposed to tribal voters*

By Gloria Trotter

Two very significant questions will be placed before voters in the 1995 Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal election this year.

Some absentee voters have already received the four ballots printed for this year's election. Three ballots include yes or no questions; the fourth lists the candidates for Business Committee and Grievance Committee.

The two questions pose possible major changes in tribal policy. Question #1 asks, "Shall the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe place Potawatomi Nation Judgement funds presently held in trust by the BIA into trust at First Oklahoma Bank pursuant to investment policy guidelines to be approved by the Department of Interior?" The question lists the docket numbers awarding the judgment funds.

### **Question No. 1 - Trust Funds**

Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. said that the tribe wants to move its trust money out of BIA control, but emphasized that it will "stay in trust. At First Oklahoma Bank, it will actually have more regulatory oversight than at the BIA," he said, noting that interest earnings on Potawatomi trust funds at the BIA were only 4.13 percent. "If you figure a three percent cost of living adjustment, it made only one percent. We can do better than that."

The low interest earnings have hurt tribal service programs, he noted. "Our scholarships, eyeglasses and other programs are operating on less than half of the normal operating money," he said. Barrett said that because of past problems with BIA investments, Congress has passed laws allowing "tribes which draw up investment policy guidelines can take their money out of trust and give it to a professional money manager. We don't think that's prudent. The money should stay in trust, but at a bank, regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency. We think that FDIC insurance on those deposits is essential."

Federal banking regulatory oversight over the operation of trusts "is stronger than the oversight at the BIA," the chairman said. "In fact, we've been contacted by other tribes about the possibility of handling trust activities for them. This is a means of bringing the tribe's money back to work for the tribe in an environment as safe or safer than the BIA trust.

"The rules are not changing," Barrett stressed. "We're not spending principal. That will stay in trust, in a national bank. We will continue to spend only the interest earnings."

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Flanagan, Johnson both seek Grievance Committee #3 slot

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### Question No. 2 -

#### Scholarship Eligibility

That first question relates to Question #2, which asks, "Shall the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma modify the trust fund scholarship eligibility guidelines under Potawatomi Nation Judgement Funds awarded in Dockets 15-K, 29-J, and 217, and 15-M, 29-K and 146 to allow for scholarship awards to any enrolled tribal member?"

Current guidelines restrict tribal scholarships to those who are at least one-eighth Potawatomi or were born before 1961. "Because of the blood degree fiasco at the BIA, the blood degree requirement is contrary to tribal policy," Barrett said. "Descendancy is

now, and probably will remain, the criteria under which tribal membership eligibility and benefits are determined.

"Modifying the trust fund and the scholarship eligibility guidelines to include all members is in keeping with the spirit of the 1985 constitutional revision," the chairman said. "It is contemplated that scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit, with special emphasis on helping those students who fall between Pell grant eligibility and the upper one percent of ACT, SAT and Merit scholarship test scores."

### Budget Referendum

The third ballot is the annual budget referendum, where tribal members will be asked to approve or disapprove the budget for expenditure of interest earned on set-aside

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 24, 1995  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI  
QUESTION #1

Shall the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe place Potawatomi Nation Judgement funds presently in trust by the BIA into trust at First Oklahoma Bank pursuant to investment policy guidelines to be approved by the Department of Interior?

These Potawatomi Nation Judgement Funds were awarded in Dockets 15-C, 29-A and 71; 29-E, 15-P, 29-M and 306; 29-D, 15-D, 29-B and 311; 15-L, 29-G and 308; 216, 15-L and 29-L, 228, 309, 310, 15-M, O, Q and R and 29-L, M, O, and P and 15-E, 29-C and 338 and in Dockets 15-K, 29-J, and 217, and 15-M, 29-K and 146 Before the United States Court of Claims.

☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 24, 1995  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI  
QUESTION #2

Shall the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma modify the trust fund scholarship eligibility guidelines under Potawatomi Nation Judgement Funds awarded in Dockets 15-K, 29-J, and 217, and 15-M, 29-K and 146 to allow for scholarship awards to any enrolled tribal member?

☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 24, 1995  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI  
PROPOSED BUDGET 1995-96  
LAND ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

LAND ACQUISITION: \$ 80,000.00

DEVELOPMENT:

1. Trust Property Improvements: Refurbishing of Complex Buildings, Ground Improvements: Bridge Repairs (5), Irrigation system, Satellites and Computers, Equipment 2 Farway Units, Annual Fertilizer program, Aeration and Sand, Irrigation repairs, Sod Trees, Flowers, Trees, Etc. \$280,000.00

MAINTENANCE:

1. Maintenance supplies and equipment. \$ 40,000.00

TOTAL \$400,000.00

Savings in any one line item may be utilized for expense involved in either of the other two line items.

☐ YES ☐ NO

funds. This year the Business Committee proposes budgeting \$80,000 for land acquisition, \$40,000 for maintenance supplies and equipment and the bulk of the money, \$280,000, on trust property improvements, including refurbishing complex buildings, bridge repairs, irrigation system, satellites and computers, sod trees, flowers, trees, and more.

### Candidate Ballot

The fourth ballot will list the names of those seeking office this year. Business Committee-man Hilton Melot will be re-elected unopposed, as will two members of the Grievance Committee, Gene Bruno and Hazel Rhodd Williamson.

The only contested race on

this year's ballot is for Grievance Committee Office #3, sought by tribal members Marian Flanagan and Joann Johnson. Incumbent Matt Higdon did not seek re-election. It is the first race for tribal office by Flanagan, an Oklahoma City attorney. Johnson, of Konawa, has served on the Grievance Committee previously.

Requests for absentee ballots must be received by the Election Committee by June 5. The application (printed elsewhere in this edition) must be completed in full. Marked ballots must be in the hands of the Election Committee by 10 a.m. Saturday, June 25. In-person voting will take place that day from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 24, 1995  
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

COMMITTEEMAN OFFICE #2

☐ HILTON MELOT - elected unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #1

☐ AUGIE (GENE) BRUNO - elected unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #2

☐ HAZEL RHODD WILLIAMSON - elected unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #3

☐ MARIAN FLANAGAN

☐ JOANN JOHNSON

## Bank expanding services to tribal members

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frames, liquidity, interest rate risk and other factors which insure the bank's ability to serve in a fiduciary capacity.

Although First Oklahoma will be one of a very few banks in the Shawnee area to provide trust services, it won't be new to Briggs, who has operated trust departments at other banks. He anticipates it will take about 90 days to set the new department up. "It will probably be year end before it's up and functioning," he said. Part of the second floor of the new bank building will house the trust department, which will eventually require additional staff, he said.

Customers, whether near by or far away, can be assured their money is safe, Briggs said. "The banking industry is so regulated — we're examined at least once a year by certified public accountants and bank examiners both. There is almost a nil chance for poor investments. We have a legal responsibility for that money."

Not only will tribal members be able to take advantage of the trust services, they will soon have a variety of other banking products available, even long distance.

"We're working on a new tribal credit card with a cheaper interest rate — a better card," Briggs said. "And we're contemplating a real estate mortgage department to do home mortgage loans throughout the country. That will be possible because we will resell the mortgages to secondary market."

"We also want to encourage tribal members, where ever they are, to consider using our depository services. We will have a 1-800- number so that you can set up savings accounts, checking accounts, and purchase certificates of deposit." Briggs said that "you may get a higher interest rate (on CDs) at Podunk S&L, but over the long term we'll compete with anybody. You may find a temporarily higher rate, but year in and year out, we'll be competitive."

How will that long-distance checking account work?

"By using an ATM card and mailing deposits, anyone can bank with us," he said. "After all, you're banking with yourselves when you bank with us."

## HowNiKan DEADLINES/ADVERTISING RATES

The deadline for political advertising in the HowNiKan is the same as the long-established and posted deadline for any articles, pictures or information for the tribal newspaper — the 5th of each month. Rates for political ads are also the same as for any paid advertising in the HowNiKan, as noted below. Each candidate was offered a free quarter-page ad in the April issue as provided for in the tribal election ordinance. All other political ads must be paid for by the person or persons placing the ad. Payment must be made to the tribal Director of Accounting before the ad can be printed. The editor of the HowNiKan, under the election ordinance, shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review the contents for libel, slander and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney.

### Deadlines:

May HowNiKan — May 5

June HowNiKan — June 5

### Advertising Rates:

Full Page — \$100

Half Page — \$50

Quarter Page — \$25





**22ND ANNUAL**

# Citizen Band Potawatomi

# POW WOW

**Potawatomi Tribal Grounds ★ Shawnee, Oklahoma**

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 23**

**Friday, June 23**  
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Gourd Dance  
8 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry  
Flag Song  
Welcome

**Introductions**  
Potawatomi Business Committee  
Pow Wow Committee  
Head Staff

**Intertribals**  
Tiny Tots  
Junior Girls Division  
Golden Age Women  
Golden Age Men  
Golden Age Winners Announced

**Saturday, June 24**  
2-5 p.m. - Gourd Dance  
5-6:30 p.m. - Supper  
  
7 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry  
Introductions - Head Staff

**Intertribals**  
Junior Boys Division  
Pow Wow Committee Special  
Senior Women Division

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 24**



**SUNDAY**

**JUNE 25**

**Sunday, June 25**  
10 a.m. - Worship and Memorial  
Service On The Grounds. Everyone  
Welcome. Lunch Served.

2-5 p.m. - Gourd Dance  
5-6:30 p.m. Supper

7 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry  
Flag Song  
Introductions - Head Staff

**Intertribals**  
Princess Special  
Potawatomi Business Committee  
Special  
Senior Men Division  
Runoff Ties (All Divisions)  
Winners of Junior and Senior Divisions  
and Drum Contest Announced

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE REGISTRATION • FREE PARKING**

## COORDINATORS and HEAD STAFF

### COORDINATORS

Pow Wow ..... Esther Lowden  
Drum Contest ..... Joe Cozad  
Dance Contest ..... Carla Whiteman

*The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe is  
not responsible for personal injuries or  
damage to or loss of personal property.*

### STAFF

Master of Ceremonies ..... Jo Jo Rice  
Master of Ceremonies ... Thomas Chibitty  
Northern Drum ..... Blackbird  
Southern Drum ..... Berky Monossey  
Head Man Dancer ..... Michael Kidder  
Head Lady Dancer ..... Estee TallBear  
Pow Wow Princess ... Ginger Schmidtkofer  
Host Gourd Clan ..... Cedar Lodge

***YOU are Invited!***



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Rhodd family members collect honors

Several members of the Rhodd family in Winfield, Kansas, have honored for their achievements recently.

**Robert Rhodd**, a Southwestern College student, was one of almost two dozen business administration students observing and experiencing the professional world off-campus during an innovative course required for the college's new business leadership major.

The course, called Futuring, focuses on present business realities as well as on trends that may face the students in their business careers. The students were required to complete an internship of 8 to 10 hours at a business, learning firsthand the good and the bad aspects of the real business world.

The students had internships in a variety of businesses in Winfield and Arkansas City, including banks, accounting firms, law offices, media outlets, government offices and even at the Wichita office of the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church. Some of the Businesses planned specific events for the students and included them in special office projects.

During the internships, students were required to keep journals about the day-to-day happenings of the business in which they were interning. Supervisors also rated the students on such aspects of professional life as promptness, courtesy, interest, appearance and attitude.

Robert, a senior at South-

western, is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management with a minor in Business Leadership. Commencement exercises will be Sunday, May 7, at four o'clock at Sonner Stadium in Winfield.

In addition to his studies at Southwestern, Rhodd will be completing an internship as administrator in training at Cumbernauld Village in Winfield. Cumbernauld Village is a not for profit model retirement facility that offers four types of living accommodations, garden homes, apartments, and two levels of licensed health care.

Robert is thankful for the Potawatomi Tribal Scholarships he received each semester during his three years at Southwestern and to the Mid America All Indian Center in Wichita Kansas for their assistance in funding the A.I.T. internship. The Indian center has also assisted him in preparing his resume and plans to market his nation wide in a career in health care administration.

**Erica Ashley Rhodd**, a sophomore at Winfield High School, received notification from the United States Achievement Academy that she was being honored nationally by her geometry instructor Denise Beach. Erica has been officially nominated as a United States National Mathematics Award Winner.

Her nomination means that Erica is officially eligible to have her personal biography

printed in the appropriate volume of the United States Achievement Academy National Awards Yearbook. In addition, Erica qualifies as a candidate who can apply for one of the USAA College Scholarships. The Academy Scholarship Committee grants awards each year. Only outstanding achievers whose names appear in the edition can apply for one of these scholarships.

Erica is the daughter of Robert and Karen Rhodd and the granddaughter of Max and Vivian Rhodd. She is also active in the Winfield High School Jazz Band, Students Against Drunk Driving and Drugs (SADD+D), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Winfield Vikings Girls Golf team, and she is a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. Erica maintains a 4.0 gpa. She is also a new member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

**Karen Jean Rhodd** of Winfield was one of 600 nurses across Kansas to be nominated for the sixth annual Nursing: The Heart of Healthcare award. This program, coordinated by the University of Kansas School of Nursing as a public service, was established to honor Kansas and metropolitan Kansas City registered nurses for their contributions to patient care, community service and the profession of nursing. You must be nominated by a patient or their family, a colleague, or administrator who took the time to recognize the nurse's dedication and outstanding work.

Every nurse nominated for this award will receive a certificate of recognition and acknowledgement in the awards ceremony program book. Ten winners will be selected and the winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in April at the Ritz-Carlton in Kansas City. Winners will be presented with a glass sculpture created by noted Kansas artist Vernon Brejcha.

Karen, an LPN, works as an office nurse at PMC/Snyder Clinic in Winfield. She was nominated by her supervisor Dr. S.S. Daehnke. Karen is the wife of Robert Gene Rhodd and the daughter of Max Rhodd. Both are members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*This is the first of a new series of articles designed to help keep tribal members better informed about issues facing the Business Committee and how they deal with them. This first article features Business Committeeman Hilton Melot, who will automatically be elected to a new term this year since he was unopposed.*

**Q.** What is your basic philosophy about how this tribe should be governed?

**A.** "My philosophy is that we do what is best for the tribe, not for personal gain, not to put a feather in our cap, but to put a feather in everyone's cap. And I think that's what we've done — not that we've done everything right, but we do our best."

After this term, I will have been on the Committee 12 years. I think some good things have happened since this administration has been in office. One of our main objectives has been to give some perks to the people. But before we can do that, we have to have a base. We have to have an income not solely relying on tobacco and gambling. We don't want to capitalize on white man's vices.

Our niche is in entertainment business. That's why we're working on the bowling center, and that's why we have a golf course and a restaurant. There's a good possibility of a softball complex in the near future, and we may add 18 holes to the golf course.

**Q.** What is your background, and how does that help you in your service on the Business Committee?

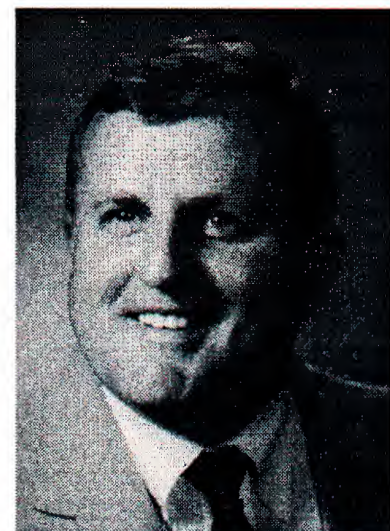
**A.** I was involved in education for 16 years, and I am now in the oil business. I feel my background helps us sit down and look at things, and not just jump off the deep end. I know we can't please everybody. I guess if you please part of the people, you're doing a good job.

**Q.** How did you get involved in tribal government?

**A.** I've been on the Business Committee since 1986. I decided to run again because we have projects going on I want to see finished. We're just now getting into the position to supply benefits to tribal members, and I want to see that through. Why did I run the first time? I saw in the HowNiKan that the position was open, and I just decided to run. My family, the Vieuxs, have always been involved in tribal leadership, and I thought I needed to do my duty.

Sometimes it's been good and sometimes it's been bad. I want the people to understand there are no free lunches — somewhere down the line you've got to pay for it.

Melot is manager of crude oil and transportation for Barrett Refining. He and his wife Romona have been married for 30 years and live in Tecumseh. Their son Jason teaches and coaches at Wynnewood High School. Jason's wife Devra graduated last July with a degree in environmental science.



## Davis completes first year

Midshipman Timothy P. Davis II will successfully complete his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy in May.

Tim is the son of Timothy P. Davis I and Carol Ann (Lamirand) Davis of McHenry, Illinois, and grandson of Charles and Shirley Lamirand of Asher, Oklahoma. Tim has a younger sister and brother, Amy and Matthew, who still live at home.

Tim entered the Academy in July of 1994. The Academy is located in Annapolis, MD. In addition to his classes he participates in boxing and swimming at the Academy, U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marines schools as well.



He also won ROTC scholarships from the Navy, Army, and U.S. Air Force. Tim hasn't decided on a major yet but is leaning toward history or political science.

## TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 24, 1995. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 1995. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of Business Committeeman #2 and the three members of the Grievance Committee, will also be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



# ENROLL TODAY!

## in the tribe's new Burial Insurance Fund

**RESOLUTION**

POT#95-23

**CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN  
TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA BURIAL INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Tribe of American Indians with constitutional authority under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and the Thomas-Rogers Act of 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, the largest of the Potawatomi Indian tribes, has, through a continuation of Potawatomi history and organized self government since time immemorial, sovereign powers inherent in tribal tradition and recognized by treaties with the United States and in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Constitution and By-Laws provide that the Business Committee of the Tribe shall be granted the power to act on behalf of the tribe in all matters except those relating to claims or treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian tribe of Oklahoma wishes to alleviate the financial burden of its members and their families who pass out of this life by creating a Burial Insurance Fund; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that funeral expenses for enrolled tribal members in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be made payable to the funeral parlor, undertaker and or burial service provider in the name of the deceased to be used to defray burial expenses. All members will be covered except those on active duty with the United States Military Forces. Tribal members must have enrolled in the burial insurance register to be maintained by the Director of Tribal Rolls. The enrollment must contain current name, address and Social Security number. Claimant acting for the deceased must provide a death certificate signed by the official of the reservation, state, county or municipality of the place of death or physician in attendance at the time of death. Upon receipt of the aforementioned information, the tribe shall emit a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the above mentioned entities. Payments under the fund will be appropriated from the general fund of the tribe and may be invested prior to payment for use of insurance payments for the benefit of the tribe. This fund will become effective January 1, 1995, for all enrolled tribal members deceased after that date or at the time of receipt of enrollment information of 75% of the enrolled members of the tribe.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned members of the Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of Resolution POT#95-23, as approved on the 28th of November, 1994, with 4 voting for, 0 voting against and 1 absent.

John A. Barrett Jr.  
Chairman

Bob Davis  
Secretary/Treasurer

## *Enrollment in burial plan tops 7,000 mark in April*

Enrollment in the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's Burial Insurance Fund, recently approved by the Business Committee, topped 7,000 as of April 10, but there's still a long way to go before the program can be implemented. And the number of registrations needed keeps increasing, since an unusually heavy number of new tribal enrollments are coming in as well.

Under the resolution approved by the Business Committee, the new program cannot go into effect until at least 75 percent of all enrolled tribal members have signed up for the program by returning the form below. **EACH TRIBAL MEMBER MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THESE FORMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BURIAL INSURANCE FUND.**

Even if you feel that you personally will never use the fund, it is important that you complete an enrollment form so that the minimum 75 percent enrollment can be reached and others can benefit from it. Please see that each member of your family has completed a form and returned it to the tribe. Please feel free to make copies of the form below for that purpose.

At a recent meeting, the tribal Business Committee approved a minor change in the resolution authorizing the burial fund to make it more practical to implement once the required percentage as been reached. The phrase "with the appropriate provisions of probate taken" was deleted from the resolution. Committeemen were concerned that the phrase could cause delays in distributing the funds when they are most needed.

**Remember — at least 75 percent of all tribal members must have forms on file before the program can begin!**

## **BURIAL INSURANCE FUND ENROLLMENT FORM**

*This form must be completed and returned to the tribe to be eligible for burial insurance payment.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Maiden) (Please Print)

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Send To: Tribal Rolls, Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians Of Oklahoma, 1901 Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawee, OK 74801



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Emcee, head lady dancer looking forward to pow wow

One of the two masters of ceremonies for this year's Potawatomi Pow Wow believes that pow wows are "good medicine for me."

Thomas Chibitty, a member of the Comanche Tribe who lives in Moore, Oklahoma, gets as much out of pow wows as he puts in to them. "Going to pow wows has been like good medicine for me," Chibitty said. "As a recovering alcoholic, I find the fellowship of our Indian gatherings gives me the strength and courage to stay in sobriety."

Chibitty, who will share the emceeing duties with Jo Jo Rice, has plenty of experience at the job. His first job as emcee in Amarillo, Texas, in 1990. Since then he has been active in pow wows throughout Central Oklahoma, and on March 5 of this year he emceed the Miss Indian Arizona pageant in Tucson.

He is married to Marcia Harjo Chibitty. They have three children, Chelion, Mike and Erin.

"I am honored to be asked to an emcee at the Potawatomi Pow Wow," Chibitty said.

Also on the head staff for this 22nd annual Pow Wow is Estee Necole TallBear, who will serve as head lady dancer. A junior at Hartshorne High School, TallBear is the daughter of Mike and Loretta TallBear of Konowa, Okla-



Thomas Chibitty

homa. Her paternal grandparents are Alvin and Johnnie Mae (Rhodd) TallBear of St. Louis, Okla., and her maternal grandparents are John W. and Frances A. Sylvia McKinney of Escondido, California. She has a sister, Jennifer Marie, and a brother, Robert Richard.

TallBear is an honor student with 4.0 GPA and participates in varsity basketball and track. She plans to attend



Estee TallBear

college and pursue a degree in business or accounting while keeping her main focus on her cultural background and keeping her heritage alive. Last September, at the Sacred Heart honor dance, she was crowned the first Sacred Heart Kateri Honor Dance Princess.

Other members of the head staff will be introduced in next month's HowNiKan.

## Volunteers needed for arts festival

The 1995 National Native American Very Special Arts Festival will be held in Shawnee May 1-3 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center. The theme is "Spirit Weavers."

A joint project of Very Special Arts and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the festival is hosted by Very Special Arts Oklahoma with special guidance from a statewide Native American steering committee. It is a noncompetitive event designed for Native American children with disabilities from throughout the United States.

The festival's purpose is to develop children's skills and creative talents by showcasing and providing traditional arts experiences in visual, literary and performing arts. It is a time for moving together and sharing who we are. The festival supports Native American children, parents and communities by applauding their strengths and honoring their creativity. Delegations from Oklahoma public schools, BIA schools and agencies across the nation, and private institutions are invited to attend this year's festival.

Visual artists, storytellers, poets, photographers, dancers, musicians, theatre artists, traditional Native American crafters — there's a place for you! We need artists to lead hands-on activities, offer demonstrations, perform, and/or to assist with these kinds of arts activities.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to successfully host this festival. Your talents can assist in many areas, including: hands-on art activities, performances, hanging and monitoring art exhibits, registration, concessions, fund raising, transportation, first-aid stations, communications and much, much more!

Other contributions may include financial donations, corporate sponsorship of specific activities (such as meals and events) and in-kind contributions (such as art supplies and materials, equipment, services, souvenir items).

A pow wow is scheduled for May 2 and is open to the public at the Expo Center. Gourd dancing will begin at 6 p.m. and inter-tribal dancing will be begin at 7 p.m.

For a complete registration packet or more information, contact: Very Special Arts Oklahoma, 3022 B Paseo, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103, Glenda Barrett, (405) 348-5277 or Cindy Hoke-Blackburn, (405) 525-2787.

Shirl Hubert and Carol Clay Levi, Potawatomi tribal employees, are on the statewide Native American steering committee. They expressed their thanks the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee and the Tribal Administrator for their generous contribution to the National Native American Very Special Arts Festival.



## VOTE Marian Flanagan for Grievance Committee

### ABOUT THE CANDIDATE . . .

Marian is one of nine children born to Eugene Flanagan and Mary Catherine Janes Flanagan. As descendants of Alexander Peltier, Mary Catherine and her two sisters, Ruth and Velma, lived at St. Elizabeth's Indian School in Purcell from a young age until graduation. Their brother, Walter, was raised at Sacred Heart Mission. Each taught their children the value of education and set an example of high standards, morals, and respect for elders.

A graduate of Oklahoma University and Oklahoma City University School of Law, Marian is now a practicing attorney in Oklahoma City. While in law school, she was President of the Native American Law Student Association and interned at Oklahoma Indian Legal Services.

As a Grievance Committee member, Marian will use her training, knowledge, and skills for the advancement of the Tribe in a fair and impartial manner.

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**Left:** Elders Grace Burns, Curtis Washington, Standing, And Ruby Page, Kenneth Washington And Barbara Melott, Sitting, Visit Before Lunchtime.

**Below:** Domino Players (Clockwise From Left) Ann Wright, Nita Saunders, Lewis Kowena And Agnes Lawson concentrate On Their Game.



## More than a meal ...

By GLORIA TROTTER

They begin to arrive as early as 10:30 a.m., quickly grabbing napkin-wrapped bundles of silverware and placing them at their favorite tables to mark their spots. Then they sit down to visit, or go to the craft room, or join a game of dominoes.

For these elders participating in the Title VI meal program, it's much more than a free lunch. It is a place to meet their friends, share their news, learn new skills and more. For many, the alternative is a lonely meal at home, with no one to talk to and no one to ask after their health.

The Title VI program is one of the oldest at Citizen Band Potawatomi headquarters, going back more than a dozen years. It has moved around from time to time as it has grown, and is now housed on Hardesty Road in a building with Health Services.

Director Denise Lackey has been with the program most of those years, and has seen it grow. Just in the past three years, the average number of meals served has almost doubled. Most days, between 80 and 85 Native Americans of several different tribes eat lunch there together, and 17 or so are delivered to the home-bound. About 45 percent of the participants are Potawatomi, and Lackey would like to have more.

The Potawatomi Title VI meal program is open to any Native American 55 years of age or older, as well as their spouses. It's easy to sign up, Lackey emphasizes, even if you don't want to come every day. The federal program which administers the funds for the program asks participants to donate \$1 for lunch if they can, but it is not required. A full, balanced meal is served at noon, but that's just the

beginning.

"We have crafts twice a week," Lackey said, "and we have dominoes, pool and bingo too." Transportation to the site is part of the program, and the van is also used to take people shopping, to pay bills and even on special trips. One recent morning several went "garage saling" and everyone still talks about a trip to Branson, Missouri, last fall. In fact, the elders have established a gift shop to help raise money for another special trip. They are selling jewelry, pants sets, crafts and other items at their little store.

"I take suggestions," Lackey said. "Sometimes we'll get a group together to go to the city — anything to get them out. I even help them with yard work!" One new project generating a lot of talk is the elders' bowling league being formed now to play at the tribe's new bowling center when it's completed.

Healthy food isn't the only way the program looks out for the elders. There is also exercise equipment available — a treadmill, ski machine, bicycle — and Lackey and Health Services director Joyce Abel are working on starting an exercise class. In addition, once a month participants have their blood pressure and blood sugar checked.

Lackey is assisted by head cook Tina Fullbright, assistant cook Sheila Cully, driver Eugene Johnson and Pat Slattery, a Potawatomi employed through the National Indian Council on Aging. Both Johnson and Slattery are elders, employed as part of an effort to provide jobs for older people who are able and want to work.

And many of the participants help out, too, Lackey emphasized. "We've got a good group of people who will help one another and will help us out."



**Meet Denise Lackey**

Sitting still doesn't come easy for Denise Lackey.

Quick to laugh, quicker to tease, Lackey brings high enthusiasm to her job as director of the tribe's Title VI program. Lackey worked her way up to her present post, beginning in 1991 as an outreach worker, moving up to outreach and van driver, then coordinator and finally to director last November.

A tribal member, Lackey comes from the Vieux family. She is a 1981 graduate of Shawnee High School. She and her son Jacob, 8, live in Shawnee and go skating every Saturday afternoon. She also enjoys horseback riding and says most of the rest of her leisure time is now spent decorating the house she just bought in Shawnee.

"I really love this job," she said. "I really get a kick out of the elders — we have a good time."



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Bank completes 'unqualified audit'

First Oklahoma Bank recently completed an audit by a Shawnee accounting firm and came through with an excellent report.

Bank president Larry Briggs said that "it was an unqualified audit — everything looks good. There were no major problems." Briggs explained that since banks are constantly audited by federal and state officials, it is unusual for a bank this size "to go to the expense of an audit like this, but because the tribe has to have such audits, so do its subsidiaries."

The audit took several months to complete, beginning last November and winding up in March. It included random letters to customers to verify accounts and other cross-checks.

## Tecumseh Title V sets pow wow May 6

Tribal members are invited to a pow wow May 6 sponsored by the Tecumseh Public Schools' Title V program, JOM and Cedar Lodge. The pow wow will be held at the Alumni Center on the Tecumseh High School campus, 901 N. 13th Street.

Gourd dancing will begin at 2 p.m., supper will be served at 5 p.m., and social and intertribal dancing will begin at 7 p.m. All drums and organizations are welcome, as are booths, which should donate one item.

Master of ceremonies will be Orval Kirk; head singer, Lawrence Wahpepah; host drum, Blackbird Singers; head man, Vincent Longhorn; head lady, Jamie Barse; high school head man, William (Billy) Bemo; high school head lady, Mary Perryman; head little boy, Trey Winfree; head little girl, Lydia Longhorn; head gourd, Shawnee Veterans Intertribal Pow Wow Club; and arena director, Lee Larney.

For more information, call Victor or Jerri at 598-2067.

## Hobby among dancers receiving funds

PIECES is proud to announce that Potawatomi tribal member J. Davis Hobby is one of four Native Americans and one of forty-seven artists to be awarded monies from the city of Dallas. Hobby has been given funding by the Office of Cultural Affairs to present ballet, jazz, modern and other dance forms as part of its Neighborhood Touring Program. The first 2 of 4 fully funded concerts were scheduled for April 1, 1995 at L.K. Hall Elementary School in Oak Cliff and on July 8, 1995 at the South Dallas Cultural Center near Fair Park. For more information contact (214) 601-9832.

## Administrator's column reprinted

A column written by Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert titled "Be Wary Of Plenary Power Of The New Congress" has been reprinted in the February 1995 issue of the UKB News, the newspaper of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians.

The column first appeared in the January 1995 issue of the *HowNiKan*.

## Verbeck inducted into junior honor society

Charles Verbeck, son of tribal member Juli (Spurlock) Hogan of Odessa, Texas, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on February 14, 1995. Charles is an eighth grade student at Bowie Junior High School in Odessa. He holds a 93% grade average and enjoys math and science.

### MEETING OF INDIAN MINERAL OWNERS WITH BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

In compliance with the Kauley et. al. vs. U.S. Litigation Settlement Agreement, the next bimonthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 1995, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in the conference room at the Anadarko, Oklahoma. Members of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Minerals Management Service will be on hand to answer your questions or concerns about oil and gas royalties. For more information, please call the Office of Indian Royalty Assistance toll-free at (800) 354-7015.

## Let us manage our own money

On the election ballot this year, you will notice a question pertaining to the Citizen Band Potawatomi managing its own trust funds. The tribe's trust funds, totalling approximately five million dollars, are presently held at the Division of Trust Funds Management of the Bureau of Indian Affairs located in Albuquerque, NM. Overall, the BIA is managing some \$2.5 billion dollars on behalf of hundreds of Indian tribes and thousands of individuals (through the individual Indian money accounts).

It is our hope that you will vote yes on this question so that the tribe can begin to manage our own funds. As is noted elsewhere in this issue, the bureau's overall performance in the management of these funds may best be described as dismal. For example, during the last fiscal year, the BIA achieved an investment return of only about four percent. When factoring in the ravages of inflation, the true annual return is just over one percent. This pales in comparison to the performance of other, yet similar, investment portfolios. In addition, the bureau still cannot properly account for several million dollars in interest earnings. We are confident that, through self-management, we can not only protect and preserve these monies, but that we can significantly better the investment performance of the BIA.

For many years now the bureau has been justifiably criticized for subpar performance in the management of these trust funds as well as for being unable to properly account for several million dollars in the fund. As early as 1982, the national accounting firm Price Waterhouse conducted an audit regarding the bureau's overall operation of the trust funds. In their report, the accounting firm was harshly critical of the bureau's poor performance in the management of these funds and especially in regard to the material weaknesses found in the bureau's accounting policies and practices.

Largely as a result of this study and the firestorm of criticism aimed at the BIA, in early 1986 then Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Ross O. Swimmer directed that the entire management and accounting of the trust funds be contracted



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

out to a private sector financial institution. As head of the Division of Financial Services at the BIA, I participated in a joint group with the Treasury Department that reviewed proposals from six national money center banks. Some of you may remember that we selected Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh as the contractor.

While that particular effort was ultimately derailed due to legal technicalities, it did underscore both the Bureau's inability and unwillingness to effect the necessary improvements in overseeing the trust fund. In fact, the BIA's performance in the management of this investment portfolio continued to deteriorate. During the early 1990's, the BIA made national headlines when reporters revealed the scope and depth of their egregious mismanagement of these trust funds. Former representative Mike Synar (D-OK) led the charge for reform and improvement. However, the BIA proved recalcitrant even in the face of congressional scrutiny and oversight.

Frustrated by the bureau's ineptitude, Congress most recently passed legislation which allows the various tribes to assume control over their monies in the trust fund. The

legislation requires, among other things, that any tribe which seeks to manage its own monies have an investment policy plan that is approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Once approved, this plan can only be changed by an act of the governing body of the tribe AND by approval of the Secretary. The investment performance and accounting practices of the tribe will be subject to annual audits and reviews.

In summary then, your elected leadership seeks your approval of this question so that we can better protect the monies in the fund as well as to increase the tribe's interest earnings. As many of you are aware, the bulk of these interest earnings are used to fund tribal programs such as scholarships for higher education and for health aids (e.g., eyeglasses, hearing aids, prosthetics). With each passing year, the demand for these services increases as do the related costs. In order to provide services to greater numbers of tribal members, we simply must increase the rate of return on our tribal trust funds. We are confident that can be readily accomplished. I urge you to educate yourself on this issue and then vote yes on this question in June.

## STAFF TRAINING REPORT

Shelley Yones, WIC director, recently attended the USDA Southwest Regional Directors Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Court Clerk Joie White has completed a two-session workshop in WordPerfect for Windows 6.0 at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech in Shawnee.

Accounting Director Carolyn Sullivan attended a Self-Insurance and Risk Management conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, in early March.

Dovie Sheridan, realty director, attended the annual Tribal Realty Directors/Agency Realty Officers meeting March 7-9 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Sheridan reported that the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe was commended for the "thoroughness of the casework in the fee to trust cases."





## Camp Bowie veterans sought for exhibit

Dear Mr. Barrett:

In the spring of 1996 we will be running an exhibit about Camp Bowie, a local World War I U.S. Army National Guard camp which trained several thousand troops. From our research we have learned that special unit composed of American Indians was formed at Camp Bowie. Many of these troops came from Oklahoma.

As part of our research for this exhibit we are compiling oral histories of veterans, or their descendants, who have memories of experiences at Camp Bowie. Some of these oral histories may be edited and shown during the exhibit. For this project we need to find these people and are inquiring to see if you might be able to help.

Would you have any record of these particular veterans in your files? If so, we would really like to be able to contact them and see if they would like to be able to contact them and see if they would like to have their Camp Bowie experiences recorded. If you cannot supply me with a list of names and addresses, would you be able to contact them, tell them about this exhibit and our oral history project, and have them contact us? Any assistance you may be able to give us will be greatly appreciated. I hope to hear from you soon.

**Renee M. Erwin**  
Asst. Curator of History  
Fort Worth Museum of Science &  
History  
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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When was the last time someone said to you, "Oh, don't worry about it"? You probably heard that statement recently.

I was reading the results of a survey which stated that over ninety per cent of the things we worry about never happen. If this is true, we certainly waste a lot of energy being overly concerned about events that may not occur.

So, how do we overcome a situation without worrying? First, look at the situation and figure out what is the worst that can possibly happen. Second, do your best to accept the worst — if it happens. And third, get busy doing something for yourself or others. It is very difficult to worry when the mind is actively thinking of ways to help others.

I read a quote that said, "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere." So, the next chance you have to worry — get busy!

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!

***"Thought For Today" is provided by Steve Kime, tribal member, author and professional speaker from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.***

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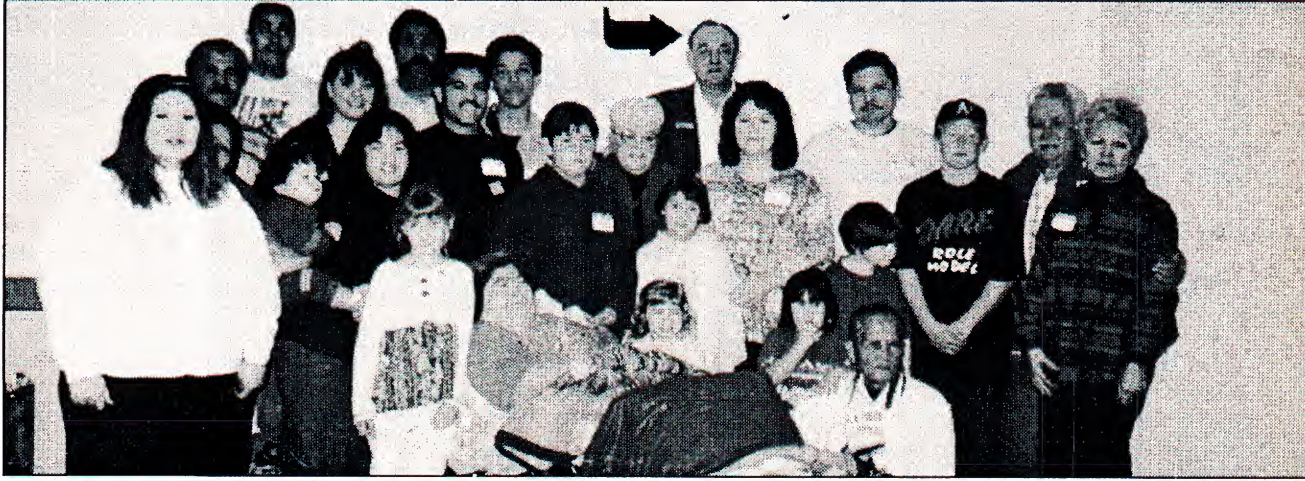


## Northern California Council

*My, how they came to Merced for one of the largest Regional Councils on record!*



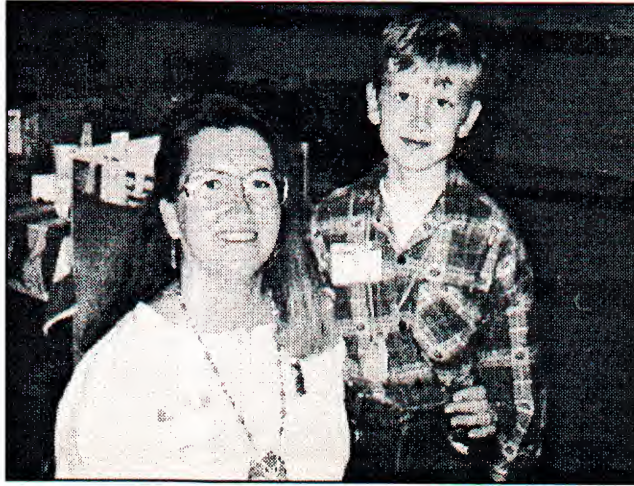
Bob Martin of Sacramento (left), shown with Regional Coordinator Gary Bibb, was one of three Wisest



Committeeman J.P. Motley (arrow) found a lot of his Burnett Family relatives in Northern California and posed with some of them at the Merced Regional Council.



Also Wisest at the Northern California Regional Council were Emma Ruth Woodall and John Smith



Zach and Jennifer Porter of Castro Valley were among those who came to Merced



Roy Melot of Brentwood (left) and Ron Melot of Modesto (center) with their cousin, Committeeman Hilton Melot



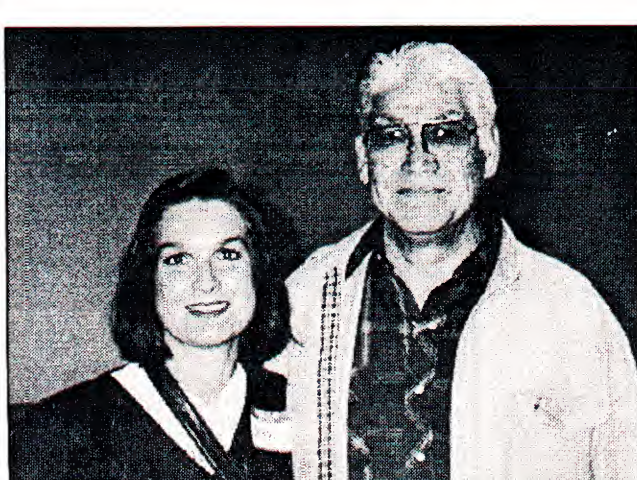
The next generation: Karen and Andrea, daughters of Martin Smith



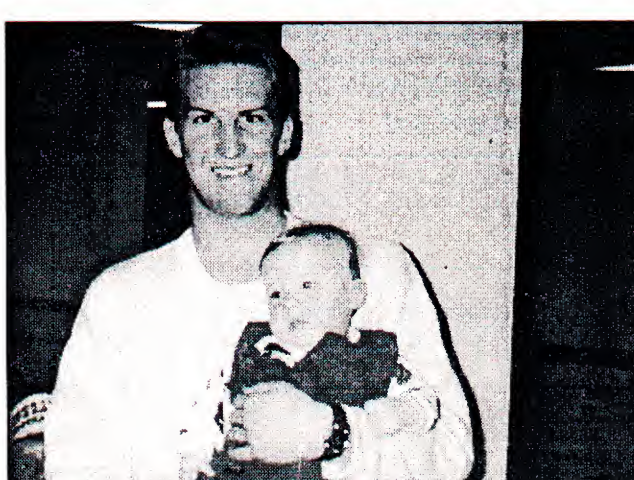
Twenty-Month-Old Daniel Drake with his great-grandfather, Arnold Aalto



Vickie Trask and Shawn Bibb registered tribal members and guests at Merced



Ed and Dory LeClair, father and daughter, traveled from Reno, Nevada, for the Regional Council



Blain Bibb holds his son, five-month-old Garrett, the youngest Potawatomi there



Dick Johnson brought a display about the history of the tribe. It was admired all day. Thank you, Dick!





# Northern California Council

*Four Hundred and Fifty of us flocked to the Merced Fairgrounds on March 18!*



Michael Johnson (arrow) from Plains, Montana, traveled the longest distance. He is pictured with other members of the Johnson family.



Romona Melot assisted Esther Lowden with the gift shop items



Left to right: Rev. Norman Kiker, Gene Bruno, Gary Bibb and Bob Trousdale listen to Chairman Barrett's comments



Citizen Band Potawatomi Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. discusses the state of the tribe with members



Esther Lowden writes up another order from the Tribal Museum and Gift Shop



Beverly and Gary Bibb, the Regional Coordinator, pose with their grandson, Garrett



Mary and John Smith with son Martin Smith. They're descendants of the Bertrand family.



One of the dancers who entertained the crowd at the Northern California Regional



This is only a cross-section of the large crowd which turned out at Merced



Another view of the crowd. Can you believe more than 450 were there???



Norman Kiker joined in on the drums during the Merced meeting



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## WASHINGTON STATE

### Bourzho from Washington State!

I want to begin this column by sharing my deep appreciation for the article J.D. Colbert included in last month's *HowNiKan*. It was written with such sensitivity and obviously from the heart and I know that those of us who have parented children can identify with what he shared. He has given me much to reflect on.

It has been a quiet month in the office. If you're like I am once the sun comes out in Seattle you find reasons to enjoy it — it has a history of being fleeting. I've had the opportunity to sit out and watch a pair of red-tailed hawks courting in the sky above and know that once again we will have a nest in the wooded area across the street. With all the flowering fruit trees in the yard, and all the new buds on the lilac by the front door, I realize again that this is my favorite time of year.

I hope that you've filled out your ballot request form and sent it in. I have some in the office if you need extra but time is running out. I was taught that if I don't vote, I have no right to complain about how the country is being run. That applies to tribal issues, too, so let's get out and vote — or return our ballots! While you're at it, I still have lots of copies of the burial insurance forms so request one or more of them. I think that the change of wording makes it a lot easier to understand what it is about.

If you're planning a summer trip to the Seattle area this year, drop by the Museum of History and Industry for their exhibit on the Tulalip Boarding School. Although dealing with a very local subject, I believe it has application for those of us who had family members in boarding school. Anything which deepens our understanding of what Indian children went through during this

time of forced separation from family and tribe helps us understand ourselves just a bit better.

Have you been to Shawnee in June for the annual powwow? I'm getting real antsy as I begin to plan for the trip back. Although I bring videos and photos to the picnics, nothing beats the real event so if you get the chance I hope you will consider joining me at the pow wow grounds this summer. However, if you can't travel to Shawnee, try to attend a pow wow in your area this summer. I will hopefully have a listing of them for you by the time you read this. Call and ask for it.

July 22 is the date set for the Port Orchard picnic. I'm still trying for a Boise date and will let you know next month.

In case you haven't heard about it, Tacoma hosts the Tahoma Indian Center, a drop-in resource center for Native Americans and Alaskan Natives in Pierce County, Washington State. They offer a variety of activities including Chippewa language and culture classes, a women's healing circle, Native American A.A. meetings and a selection of classes. They're located at 1554 Market (call them at (206) 593-0784).

With all I hear about clear cutting, the spotted owl controversy, the depleted salmon runs I close by sharing the following:

*Only after last tree has been cut down. Only after the last river has been poisoned. Only after the last fish has been caught. Only then will you find that money cannot be eaten.*

Cree Indian Prophecy

Take care of our Mother this month.

Susan Campbell

## OREGON

### Bourzho from Oregon:

Pow wow season has started out here in the west, and I found myself attending two in one week. The Inter-tribal Dance Club of Salem started this year off with a two session. I was invited to head a Gourd Dance between the two sessions. Nearly a dozen dancers participated, and especially honored with the presence of the Northwest Veterans Color Guard. Our Potawatomi brother, David West, was the announcer for the pow wow, and did a super job. I want to let Dave know that he is really appreciated by me, for all the help he gives to our tribe here in Oregon.

On March 31, the students at Chemawa Indian School in Salem, gave an inspirational pow wow. The junior and senior students were introduced and honored with a dance. Their day started at five in the morning with special seats, seminar classes, meetings all day and ending with the pow wow in the evening. Very moving to see these Native students from many tribes, and many states, including Alaska, living and learning together at this school. I was honored to attend.

I wanted to tell you about the Children's Cultural Center in Portland, Oregon. It sounds like a place you may want to take your children to visit, and you may enjoy it also. The Children's Cultural Center provides in-depth interactive exhibits for children, their families and their teachers. Visitors are invited to celebrate diversity by exploring different cultures through the arts, music, dance and other traditions. The current exhibit, Omokunie (which means "The house is filled with children"), represents a contemporary, rural Nigerian village.

They are also preparing an exhibit about American Indian cultures called "Living Legends" exhibit which will represent five regions: The Northeast, the Southwest, the Southeast, the Northwest and the Plains. The goals of the exhibit include showing the diversity of American Indian people. Keeping in mind, the exhibit is designed for children. If you would like to see this Cultural Center or find out more about it, you can call Season Shugerman, the director, at (503) 823-2231.

The Indian people have always been very proud of our children. We hold them very high in our thoughts, our lives, and

prayers as they are our future. I wanted to let you know that we have a member of our Potawatomi Tribe that I am exceptionally proud of. His name is Colby Whitenack, a senior at South Eugene High School. Colby chose as a senior project to write a paper on "The Forced Removal of the Potawatomis — American Self Interests Versus Native American Right." At our regional meeting, Colby gave me a copy of his paper which I found to be exceptional. He had told me he got an A grade on his paper. After reading his work, I can see this young man will go far in his future endeavors, as his work is already that of college status. Thank you Colby, for letting me share your work and good luck in college next year.

Do you qualify for the Oregon health plan?

If you answer "yes" to the questions below, you may be eligible.

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2.....	\$ 820 .....	\$ 1,091 .....
3.....	\$ 1,027 .....	\$ 1,365 .....
4.....	\$ 1,233 .....	\$ 1,640 .....
5.....	\$ 1,440 .....	\$ 1,965 .....
6.....	\$ 1,647 .....	\$ 2,190 .....
7.....	\$ 1,853 .....	\$ 2,467 .....
8.....	\$ 2,060 .....	\$ 2,740 .....

For more information, call me here at the office: 1-800-522-3744.

Until next month — may the path be smooth beneath your feet, may the winds be soft and the waters sweet. May you find all along the way, a dream to brighten every day.

Rocky Baptiste



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## SOUTH TEXAS

### Bourzho from Houston,

May 6, the date of our South Texas Council meeting, is only a few short days away. We look forward to seeing all of you again.

The first rose on this little patch of Mother Earth is in full bloom as I write to you. I see it as a promise of a good summer coming.

We enjoyed our telephone visit with Robert Bohuslovicky, a fine Citizen Band Potawatomi and an avid bowler. Our bets are all on you, Robert, to win in the First Annual Ali-Bi No Tap Tournament at our new Fire Lake Bowling Center. Be sure, all you bowlers, to get your entry forms in to the tournament director so you won't miss out on the fun.

Real progress is being made here, in spite of the continuing rains. When you read this letter, the repairs to the studio will be complete and this Indian will be back at work! Megwetch for your encouragement and your prayers.

The paperwork for the A.I.C.D.C. (American Indian Community Development Center) Health program is expected to be complete in June. The grant money is in place, and the center will go into physical development this summer. This long awaited health service for the approximately 16,000 Native Americans, and others, is due to the hard work of a lot of Intertribal people, and also to the generosity of Dr. Jack E. Jensen, M.D., a Prairie Band Potawatomi from Kansas.

We will keep you informed of progress in the months to come. We expect this to benefit all the people, and if you carry a tribal card, and/or a BIA card, you can avail yourselves of the services offered.

The Intertribal Annual PowWow is May 27 and 28, at Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Pkwy. If you would like to compete in the dancing, have a booth there, or just volunteer to help out, call Intertribal at 464-1164.

The Alabama-Coushatta 27th Annual PowWow takes place 17 miles east of Livingston, Texas, on the A-C Reservation June 2-3, 1995. Gourd Dancing is at 6:30 p.m., procession at 7:45 p.m. each evening. For more information call Sharon Miller at (409) 444-3507 to make camp ground reservations. This is a beautiful site in the Piney Woods and always a good pow wow.

After attending these two annuals, you should be ready to come home to Shawnee for our very own 22nd Annual PowWow, on June 23, 24 and 25, 1995. We will be looking for you there!

Nothing heals the spirit as well as communion with the Creator, Great Mystery, Monito; you can feel the joy rising up from Mother Earth when you get in that circle and dance, knowing you are surrounded with all the love of tribe and family.

Keep well, and be good to each other.

Lu Ellis

## Potawatomi Doctor provides space for Indian center

By LU ELLIS

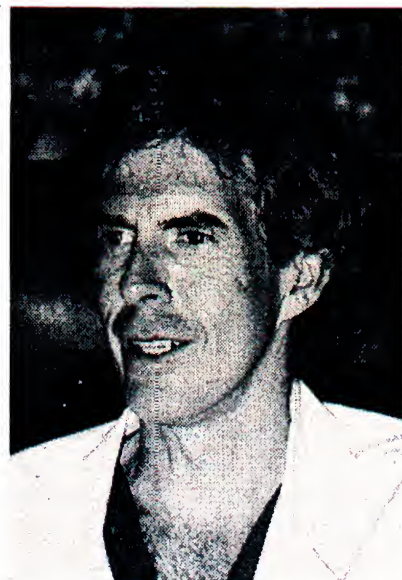
Dr. Jack E. Jensen M.D. has made available to the American Indian Cultural Development Center about 40 percent of his medical facility at 9180 Old Katy Road in Houston.

This space will house the Health Services Center serving all of the 16,000 Native Americans in and around Houston, including all enrolled Citizen Band Potawatomi. I went to Dr. Jensen and asked him why he made the decision to do this. The following is his answer.

Dr. Jack Jensen grew up in the small town of Holton, Kans., just north of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. His father's parents lived on the reservation. His mother's family lived nearby.

In Holton, population 4,000, there is a medical center for the Indian people. In Houston, there is not. Something needed to be done.

Dr. Jensen told of going home for the Thanksgiving PowWow, which has grown too large to be held on the reservation and is now held in Topeka, Kans. He told of going to his father and said that visit first felt real good and really tugged at his heart. A visit to the reservation, he said, in a position of awareness, or openness, so he could see that he wanted to holistically and spiritually bring all his knowledge and ability together for his patients and his



Dr. Jack Jensen

people and he realized that in his position as an M.D. he could help some other things along.

When he heard that Intertribal Council of Houston needed a physical address, he offered some free space, at first just to house their offices and help them along. Because of some hardworking people in Intertribal, the grants were written and obtained for the Health Center as time passed, and at the same time the additional space in Dr. Jensen's building, "Life Quest," became available. There is already a surgery center, x-ray facilities and

physical therapy housed there. It was, he knew, a perfect place for the Health Services Center. He said "when things are supposed to happen, they come easily, and this is all coming together in that way. There will be mind, body, spirit healing here, and I'm very excited to be able to be a part of that."

Dr. Jensen said society is shifting and as this happens medicine will have to shift as well, following the trend towards indigenous thought and teaching. He said as a Native American doctor he will be more holistically inclined, and he thinks that people of Native American blood will have to share more, rather than having a corner on the market, so to speak, because this opening up will be good for all people. We are, after all, all indigenous people to the Earth, and we will have to recognize people with the Indian spirit as well as with Indian blood.

Dr. Jensen's mother was a teacher and his father a barber. With their encouragement he got his basic schooling in Kansas and went on to medical school at K.U. in Kansas City. He did another five years of orthopedic specialty training at the Medical Center in Houston followed by a year in Oregon training in knee, shoulder and sports medicine.

He was a key physician at the University of Missouri for five years, then

moved back to Houston to practice at the Medical Center. As his practice grew and he began to get his head above water, he said, he purchased the building in which he now houses his athletic orthopedics and knee center.

Early on, he said, he received a \$200 BIA scholarship. At that time, \$200 was a big help, and meant a lot to him.

Dr. Jensen told of being in Wichita, Kans., a few years ago and visiting with a gentleman in the Indian museum there. This man had worked administratively with the people of the tribe when Dr. Jensen's brother was in high school, and had helped him to get a BIA grant to further his education. Some in charge of the grant money were negative towards the Indian youngsters and said nothing would ever come of giving grants to them. Dr. Jensen's brother, however, went on to become a veterinarian, studying at Kansas State University and practicing there locally.

The gentleman at the museum confirms that it is a myth that Indian children never grow up to amount to anything. Dr. Jensen's life thus far proves that not only can you have dreams, set goals and achieve them, you can give something back, where ever you are, so that others may grow up to achieve their dreams as well.

### Hello from Kansas City,

Our regional council meeting for the Midwest area is quickly approaching. The date is May 20. Invitations will be in the mail shortly, if you haven't gotten them already. This year it will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd. Overland Park, Kansas. Please don't forget to call me as soon as

you get your invitation to let me know if you are coming to the meeting. This is very important.

I hope everyone had a chance to read the article in the February issue of

## MIDWEST

the *HowNiKan* titled "Son, you are a Potawatomi Indian" by Chris Deatherage. It was a wonderful and beautifully written article. Thank you, Chris, for your contribution and shar-

ing it with us.

Just a little reminder for everyone to send in their burial insurance forms. Not too much going on in our area at this time. If you need anything, just give me a call; I'm here for you.

Megwetch,  
Maryann Welch-Frank



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Bourzho from Pasadena!

Time to prepare for the trip Shawnee for the Annual Potawatomi Pow Wow 1995.

Yes, you.

Those of you who've never gone, get it together now and go! It's the last weekend in June and it's a great summer vacation. Costs too much, you say? Not if you drive! There are lots of camping spots along the way, and that helps keep costs way down.

Directions? go to Barstow and catch I-40 east. That's it. Well, you do have to remember to get off at Shawnee and hang a right ...

And make no mistake, there's a lot to see and do between here and Shawnee. Just sing the lyrics to "Route 66" in reverse order and you'll get the lineup of towns ... Flagstaff, Gallup, Albuquerque, Amarillo, and that oh-so-pretty Oklahoma City.

And there's camping once you get there, which as anyone dedicated to the pow wow highway knows, is the very best way to meet new friends.

If you've got two nickels to rub together, get a room at one of the local motels. If the listing doesn't appear here

### Down to only two Regional Councils!

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*See You There!*

in this issue, call me and I'll either FAX or mail the list to you. Rooms are priced reasonably, they're clean, and the motels and restaurants are staffed by friendly people who appreciate our pow wow since it brings in so much family business.

And there's an additional bonus. I'm sure you've told someone out here that you're Potawatomi and had the reaction, 'Pota-Who?' or 'Pota-What?' Well, not in Shawnee. You get a unique feeling of being at home among friends. Everyone seems to know you or your family. Everyone knows our tribe. And you know in your bones that you are welcome there — that you belong That's not odd — after all, you're in Pottawatomie County, on Potawatomi land, and it's your pow wow! A final note: try to arrive a day or two

early or stay a day or two after so you can spend some time seeing the places away from the activities of pow wow, which tends to be frenetic. Be sure to tour the beautiful tribal complex and meet the staff. It is greatly appreciated when you offer a handshake and sincere "thank you" to the people who work so hard on your behalf.

I'll be staying at the Holiday Inn at I-40 and Harrison Street if you want to look me up. If some of you want to get together for a meal (I love those home style biscuits and gravy!) or walk around the tribal complex, call and let me know.

In the meantime, get ready to POW WOW!

Announcements!

Attention all American Artists: The Southwest Museum would like donations to auction off at their gala, May 13, 1995. This fine institution needs all the financial help they can get, so if you have artworks to donate, do so. If you've got some money and want to participate in the auction, even better! Please call Judy Deutz at (213) 221-2163.

Pasadena City College's Inter-Tribal Student Council hosts a weekly meeting at noon, Monday sat Rom CC/216 on their campus, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. Info: (818) 585-7834

Red Road Learning Center offers free classes every Monday night 7-10 p.m. at the McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Sunland/Tujunga. Info: (213) 257-2246. Fern

Pow Wow/Festival Info:

May 6-7 the 22nd Annual Cupa Days on the Pala Reservation near Riverside. Info: (619) 742-1590

May 6-7 the 3rd Annual Eagle Spirit pow wow on the Morongo Reservation, 11845 Laws Road, Banning. Info: (909) 849-3126

May 6-7 the Iron Circle Nation's 1st Annual Pow Wow at the East Los Angeles College Stadium on Cesar Chavez Ave and Atlantic Blvd, Los Angeles. Russell Means will be Guest M.C. ing this one. Info: (213) 265-8753.

May 20 the San Fernando Valley Pow Wow, 9550 Haskell Avenue, Sepulveda. Info: (818) 997-8740

May 20-21 the 5th Annual lake Casitas Pow Wow. Hey! Camping, fishing, boating, village, buffalo barbeque! This'll be great! Info: (805) 496-6036

May 20-21 the San Diego American Indian cultural Days in Balboa Park, balboa Blvd and President's Way, San Diego. Info: (619) 281-5964

June 2-4 the Four Moons Pow Wow in Fontana. Info: (909) 350-6709

June 2-4 the Nuwuvi Days at Lake Havasu put on by the Chemehuevi. They're planning a carnival, and baseball tournament. Info: (619) 858-4301.

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, with love for our brothers an sisters, and with hope for those who will follow, and may everyone we meet know at a glance how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Megwetch,

*Jeremy Bertrand Finch*

## SOUTHWEST

### Bourzho from Phoenix,

What can I say? Thank you, my friends, for making our picnic such a wonderful afternoon. The weather was perfect and the company was great. I'm sorry for those of you who were unable to attend. We had a young man come by and play the flute for us and we had a drum. We danced some and visited a lot. My daughter, Marcia Hauer, came over from San Diego and taught all who wanted to how to make dream catchers. We had a drop-in Potawatomi from Canada, who was surprised to find Potawatomis so far from Wisconsin.

Those of us who had them wore our traditional dress and curious people walking around approached us and were interested in our tribe. We had stories, how to do crafts, music, friendship and good food. After all was said and done, we all decided to do it again before long.

I want to thank those of you who called or sent regrets. It is nice to be recognized. I had over 40 invitations returned because of wrong addresses or moved and left no forwarding number. It is impossible to let you know what's going on if I can't locate you. So please get your address change in.

If any one needs enrollment forms for the burial insurance, scholarships or health applications, let me know. And it is election time again. Please send for your absentee ballot and vote! You may be far from Shawnee but what goes on there affects you out here, so send those ballots in!

By the time this is sent to you our Morning Star PowWow will have come and gone, but it is a beautiful time and I'm looking forward to being there. Perhaps I may have seen some of you there. The Easter Bunny has hopped in and out leaving many colored eggs and goodies with every one. The spring flowers are all in bloom. What a lovely time of the year. Take a few minutes to look around at nature's handiwork and enjoy its beauty.

What a wonderful place, the world. What a happy place to live. If everybody just took the time to spend more love and cheer. Time to be more considerate, more thoughtful and sincere.

May the blessings of the season be with you.

Megwetch,

*Philonise Williams*

## DENVER

Hello!

Many things have been happening lately. I'll try and catch you up on it all.

About the health care here in Colorado, it would seem that my rocking the boat has gotten some attention in Washington D.C. The Indian Health Services is going to be looking into possibly contracting out the health care here. Which would be fine with me, and satisfy the need that exists here.

I have also received letters from Mayor Wellington Webb (the mayor of Denver) telling me that the health care contracting coming into Colorado will be done through the Indian Health Service Branch here in Denver. If what they say is true, then my plan for an independent payment plan will be put on hold until Indian Health Services decides not to pay for Native care any longer. At that time the plan can be implemented.

So now it is waiting game to see what happens. If something isn't done in one year then I aggressively start the plan.

Also for you computer heads out there, if you want Internet access at no cost give me a call. There is a program called Electronic Pathways started by the Colorado University to encourage the use of the Internet by Natives. It is funded by a federal grant. So if you are registered, give me a jingle and I will pass the information on to you.

I hope to start getting some of our pictures scanned into the ol' 'puter soon so they can be accessed by anyone. (And they will look really neat!)

Well, I think that's it for now, until next month.

Blessed be,

*Lisa Baldwin*



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## NORTH TEXAS

As I am writing this, it is less than four weeks away from the Northern Texas Regional meeting. If you receive this paper before April 29, be sure and call and say you are coming to the meeting. I will take calls up to the last minute.

I am making my plans to attend the pow wow in June. It is my understanding and from past experience that rooms are hard to find once the date arrives, so you should make your reservations now. It is an impressive event and if you have not attended our pow wow, you really should do so. I and my family have enjoyed our trips, especially our daughter who won the cash pot.

Our weather has definitely turned into Spring with the trees all leafed out and flowers blooming everywhere. I work at a university and as I look out the window of my office I have a great view of the campus as well as a good look at the traffic on Harry Hinds to remind me we are located right in the middle of Dallas. The campus is especially beautiful among all the traffic and concrete. We are still able to see the seasons change and that has a soothing effect for no

matter what goes on in our life, it is reassuring to know that some things never change and God is definitely in charge. This though does nothing to dispel spring fever!

I was saddened to learn of the loss Joie White and her family has suffered. The loss of a child is difficult for anyone to bear. My thoughts and prayers have been with her. I have received a lot of calls regarding medical services. In Texas we do not have the hospital funded by the Indian Health Services. But some medical and dental services are available at the Dallas Intertribal Center and I will be glad to give you their phone number if you give me a call. When you have a question, be sure and leave me a number where I can reach you in the evening or weekends as well as during the day. Also, I get calls where the number is not correct and I am unable to reach you. I have a full time job and have to return your calls when you are not at work.

I'm hoping you made or make it to the Regional Meeting. It is always nice meeting with our Business Committee and each other.

*Marjorie Hobdy*

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Bourzho From Merced,**

Well, March was a very busy month with the highlight being the gathering of over 475 Tribal members and guests here in Merced. The gathering was indoors this year at the Merced County Fairgrounds with more presentation as well as a time of questions and answers for our council and administrators.

I've had a lot of positive feedback from many of you regarding the presentation made by our Chairman, as well as the many displays that were available.

The historical information as well as artifacts from the Johnson family were greatly appreciated. All of the others who contributed efforts and time are greatly appreciated. The tribal store provide opportunities for those who have never been to Shawnee to acquire some of the many items featured there.

One suggestion that was made at the meeting was regarding some type of tour arrangement to go to the pow wow in Shawnee at the end of June. I've contacted several carriers and it appears to be a little late to plan for this year; however, next year looks good. If you would be interested, please send me a card or give me a call. We will continue to pursue.

We had questioners at the meeting that gave you an opportunity to voice your opinion and ask questions. If you feel you did not get an answer to your question, and/or follow up is needed from our Council or Administrators, give me a call and I will continue to follow up.

As to the advent of more meetings in your area through the coming months, please call me if you would be available to plan (with help) a meeting in one of the following areas: Redding or Red Bluff, Stockton, Reno, San Jose, and Visalia or Porterville. Something like a pot luck

style picnic with storytelling, some cultural information and a time to discuss with a smaller group any of your questions, and/or concerns regarding this region and the tribe in general.

Remember, this is your tribe and to get something out of your heritage you need to put some effort into it. If I can be of help, please call and ask.

Again, thanks to all who gave so selflessly to helping make this year's meeting a success. Remember to contact Norman Kiker or myself if you have information on language, cultural history, tradition or some special knowledge of our People. Many of you have treasures in your knowledge of our People, and I can think of only one word to describe my thoughts on this: SHARE. We may not all meet standards set by some to acquire this knowledge, but many have taken the first step and can use your help.

Those of you who have the desire to learn and would like to see a workshop in your area, please give me a call. I can think of several possibilities for future meetings in this order.

Remember there are many small powwows in the area during the next several months, and if you will let me know those in the area you're in, I will put them into the article. Be sure to allow lead time on this. Also, any tribal members who have walked on, please send the obituary or a card so that they might be acknowledged on our paper. If you have need of any traditional information on weddings, burials, etc., please give me a call and we will look into this together. It is time to support one another as one people, with respect for each others ways and opinions.

Blessings to all my brothers and sisters.

Megwetch,

*Gary Bibb*

## MOTELS IN THE SHAWNEE AREA

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# IN YOUR OPINION

## Hazel Williamson says thanks, shares information with tribe

Dear HowNiKan Readers,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for another two years on the Grievance Committee. I am looking forward to seeing you at the General Council, Pow Wow, and election. Don't forget to vote on request absentee ballots.

I am especially proud of being a Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribal Elder — it is an honor. I try to help our tribal members, relations and friends in need where ever and when even I can. I attend as many meetings (on my own) for Senior Citizens, Indian Child Welfare and Indian issues here in Oklahoma. I cannot afford to go out of state. Usually one on two of my sisters travel with me.

As a Tribal Elder, I will continue to maintain an appearance that you can be proud of. This includes culture, dress, conduct and decorum. Most tribes have an elder representative.

I have been on the Oklahoma Indian Legal Service Inc. (OILS) Board of Directors for two years appointed by the Oklahoma Indian Health Board. OILS tries to serve as many low income client Indian citizens as they can with our small staff and budget throughout Oklahoma. All states have legal aid. OILS firm is restricted to only those cases that deal with the Indian legal status of a client. As a legal aid office, we cannot handle any criminal matters.

All the attorneys have training and understanding of Indian law. Issues of tribal jurisdiction, Indian child welfare, Indian housing, tribal sovereignty, Indian land titles, natural resources, restricted and trust land problems, individual rights and community education which consists of work shops,

conferences, and speaking engagements. If you need more information contact Michael C. Snyder, Executive Director, or Stephanie Brus, Administrative Assistant, at Oklahoma Indian Legal Service Inc. 5900 Mosteller Drive, Suite 610, Oklahoma City, Ok 73112, phone (405) 840-5255 or 1-800-658-1497 or fax (405) 840-7060.

Stephanie Brus is assisting the Indian elderly or head of household and disabled Indian citizens in preparing the necessary tax documents for those eligible. To request a refund on property tax you must be a resident of Oklahoma, head of household and income is \$10,000 or less. Many people are eligible for property tax refunds but do not know how to apply. You must file Oklahoma Tax Commission form #538H no later than June 30, 1995 which would be for taxes paid in 1994.

This article appeared in the Oklahoma Legal Service Center newspaper *The Chronicle*. "Oklahoma Indian Legal Service Board member Hazel Rhodd Williamson recently was honored by being one of 40 clients eligible advocate persons from across the country invited to attend the Washington D.C. Legal Service Center Client Issue Conference in Detroit, MI. Discussion topics include changing demographics of urban and rural communities, unique issues facing special populations, and challenges facing the client community — the elderly and poor. Congratulations, Hazel we salute your leadership."

Hazel Rhodd Williamson  
Grievance Committee #2

(Editor's Note: Williamson shared the pictures above right for the benefit of her Rhodd relations.)

## Reader responds to chaplain's letter

Dear Chaplain Kiker:

Thank you so much for responding to my inquiry. Your gracious letter, published in the *HowNiKan*, honors me in the Indian fashion and makes me feel good.

I believe I have found the name of Chief Shipshewana in the roster of August 17, 1840, which left from the South Bend, Indiana, area and am sending you a copy of the roster. My great-great-grandfather Jude Bourassa

was in this removal.

I am very pleased with all of the good things that are happening in our tribe. I especially enjoy the Episcopal Indian services on Sunday mornings during the annual pow wows and the monthly reports from the regional chair people. May we continue to thrive under our dedicated and intelligent leadership.

Sincerely,

Helen C. Depel  
Oklahoma City, Okla.



Rhodd Elders, Taken July 3, 1964, At Uncle Doc's 89th Birthday Party: From Left, Pete Rhodd, Enos "Doc" Rhodd, Inez Little, John B. Rhodd



From Left: Edith Nave, Eva Jordan, Viola Allen, John B. Rhodd, Frank E. Rhodd, Johnnie M. Tall Bear, Charlotte Anderson, Hazel R. Williamson, Cleda Curley

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# Tribal member's architectural firm gaining recognition

(From *The Business Journal*, Phoenix, Arizona, March 10, 1995) — Since its founding in 1982, a Phoenix-based 100 percent Native American-owned architectural firm has designed and directed the construction of more than \$150 million in projects on Indian lands.

The work, mostly in Arizona, includes schools, hospitals and other health-care facilities, as well as more than 155 units of residential housing mostly

single-family homes. "An average of about 60 percent of our work is done on Native American projects for the various tribal communities and units," says Burke Wyatt, a member of the Potawatomi Indian community in Oklahoma and the co-founder and 100 percent owner of Wyatt/Rhodes Inc. "That 60-40 percentage of Indian and non-Indian work has held pretty much the same since we started."

Founded as a two-man shop by Wyatt and Michael Rhodes, the firm put an early emphasis on Native American projects and education. That emphasis has remained while it also has broadened its services arena to include health care, government, hospitality, corporate and institutional projects.

Wyatt/Rhodes's 1994 gross revenues of \$1.9 million vaulted it onto the 1995 list of *The Business Journal's* "Top 25 minority-owned businesses in the Valley."

The firm has grown to a staff of 28 employees, about one-third of them Native Americans, Wyatt says. It recently added principals Lawrence Metcalf and Tom Reilly. Together the four bring nearly 90 years of architectural experience to the firm.

Metcalf's primary emphasis is on health care, while Reilly specializes on preplanning research and project management.

Also new is principal Daniel Cook, who brings 16 years of civil engineering experience to the firm.

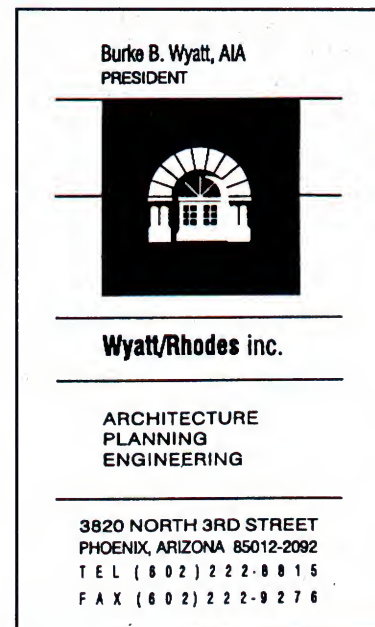
Wyatt and Rhodes, both 53, met at Arizona State University in the mid-1960s as they each were working toward their bachelor's degrees in architecture. Wyatt places his primary emphasis on Native American and governmental projects. Rhodes, a non-Indian, specializes in the education arena.

"We both started in business as sole proprietors who shared expenses," Wyatt says. "We did some early joint-projects together, then when some pretty heavy Window Rock school projects came along in Ft. Defiance we decided to incorporate together."

The three projects in Ft. Defiance — the 118-square-foot construction of Window Rock High School, the remodeling of its gym into a 950-seat field house and the remodeling and two-phase addition at Tse Ho Tso Middle School — represented a total of nearly \$15 million in construction costs from 1985 to 1987.

"Once we incorporated, we started plowing profits back into the firm," Wyatt says. "We're anticipating some more growth, diversifying a little more outside the Indian community, but we're not looking to become a mega-firm. The addition of Dan Cook in the civil engineering area is an example of the growing services we want to offer."

Wyatt says that although the Phoenix firm has found itself in "a bit of a unique niche, it's a



niche that is growing and is not uncrowded."

Much of the growth is coming from more self-determination in the nation's Native American communities and their burgeoning revenues from gaming activities, such as casinos, he says.

"Now that they have the money, the communities are deciding to build more on their own," Wyatt says. "The need for schools, housing, hospitals and other facilities has always been there, but they never had the money before."

Wyatt says his firm is involved in a team that is designing a concept for casino construction in American Indian communities. "Each project would be different, but with an ongoing theme," he says. "There is no pat Indian approach (in design) that really works for all."

Being a Native American-owned firm gives Wyatt/Rhodes a leg up on being considered for Native American projects, Wyatt says, but "there's a lot of talent out there and you still have to compete for the business."

Wyatt/Rhodes is involved with several Native American organizations, including the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers, and the National Endowment for the Arts/AICAE panel for Indian Housing.

One of the firm's most recent projects is the just-completed \$14 million renovation of the campus and building of North Phoenix High School on East Thomas Road. Wyatt says the plan for the 56-year-old campus was "to blend with the art-deco principles that were there by incorporating them into the design parameters."

Another is the soon-to-be completed \$9 million construction of the Rock Point Community Junior/Senior High School in Rock Point.

Other large projects designed and construction-managed by Wyatt/Rhodes include the ongoing \$50 million construction of a 220,000 square-foot Indian Health Service hospital and outpatient facility in Ft. Defiance, and a \$20.5 million, 110,000 square-foot IHS hospital and outpatient facility in Pine Ridge, S.D., that was completed in 1993.

The firm also designed American Indian community hospitals in Sacaton (\$11.4 million in 1988) and Sells (\$1.1 million in 1983).

## Walking on ...

**Sandra E. McPherson**

Sandra E. (Sandi) McPherson, 47, of Newport News, Virginia, died at her home on February 26, 1995, after a short illness. A native of Binghamton, New York, Sandi had resided in the Tidewater region of Virginia for the past 24 years where she held several recreation management positions, most recently as Center Director for the City of Virginia Beach Recreation Department.

A proud graduate of Radford University in Radford, Virginia Sandi received numerous awards throughout her career from her employers as well as community and civic groups who cited her "creativity and visionary leadership."

A descendant of the Vieux and Johnson families, Sandi survived by her parents, Rachel and Alexander (Mickey) McPherson of Cleveland, Georgia; her sister Debbie, of Fairport, New York, and sister Valerie McClure and her husband Jim and their children, Sandi's "kids" William, Katie and Jake McClure of Dahlonega, Georgia; as well as a family of great friends.

**Thomas Holloway Sr.**

Thomas Linz Holloway Sr., 76, of Smithton, Illinois, born August 22, 1918, in Wanette, Oklahoma, died Friday March 31, 1995, at his residence.

Mr. Holloway was the produce manager for Pratts Foods in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, a member of the Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and a World War II Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Ollie May, nee White, Holloway; his stepmother Faith L. Weddle; two sons, Jerald R. and Leonard H. Holloway in infancy; a brother, Patrick Holloway; and a sister, Ramona Holloway.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Daisy E., nee Wall, Holloway, whom he married March 11, 1939 in Tecumseh; two sons, Thomas L. (Mary Lou) Holloway Jr. of Horsham, Pa., and Gary Lee Holloway and his friend, Farhana Kabani of O'Fallon, Ill; two daughters, June Meyer of Smithton, Ill., and Linda (Michael) Whipkey of Newburgh, IN; a brother, Aaron Linz Holloway of Shawnee; two sisters Bernice Bodine of Oklahoma City, OK and Loraine (Galvin) Larman of Shawnee, a daughter-in-law, Deborah Holloway of Lake Stevens, WA; nine grandchildren, Wade Meyer, Jennifer, Andrea, Gary II and Troy Holloway, Brandy, Jimmie and Keith Mahaffey and Tiffany Harris; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary Lautz and Stephen Harris.

**Faye Bess**

Faye Bess of Victorville, 88, died of heart failure at Desert Valley Hospital in Victorville on March 19, 1995.

Born in Norman, Okla., she was raised in Shawnee, Okla. and lived in Victorville for 20 of her 66 years in California. She retired as a civil service employee with the Veterans Administration in Los Angeles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Bess, by 10 years.

Faye was buried at Joshua Memorial Park in Lancaster, Calif. beside her husband Tom on Thursday, March 23, 1995.

Mrs. Bess is survived by her children, Dick of Jackson Hole, Wyo., Marlene Gage of Westminster and Dorothy Moffitt of Belen, N.M.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Over the past eighteen months, several events have occurred regarding the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe's investments with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The ten year plan originally designed to provide for management of our BIA Trust funds has matured, and Congress has passed a new law that enables Tribes to withdraw their money from the BIA, so long as an investment plan or policy is in effect. Historically, the funds were held in trust by the BIA for investment. The BIA has not done a good job of keeping our money safe or maximizing our earning which pay for the Health Aids and Scholarship programs. The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe has available a Trust that provides FDIC insured deposits, Comptroller of the Currency regulatory oversight, and the highest legal requirements for fiduciary responsibility. That Trust is in First Oklahoma Bank. The trust funds of the Tribe can be invested along with the FOB investments in a high quality balanced investment program. History has shown that a high quality balanced investment program has returned over five times the money that investments in certificates of deposits and short term US Treasury debt has delivered under the BIA trust management.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee has designed, through the assistance of a Securities & Exchange Commission Registered Investment Advisor, an investment policy that provides, among other things, for the following:

- Principal cannot be spent or pledged in perpetuity
- No speculative investments such as commodities & options
- No securities lending program (derivatives)
- No high yield (junk) bonds
- Only high grade corporate and government bonds
- Only non-aggressive growth and income stocks, or FOB bank stock
- Professional management by firms with at least 20 years investing experience for fiduciary accounts
- Daily reconciliation of our accounts

We are required to get general council approval to create such a policy and withdraw the funds from the BIA. The Business Committee seeks your approval to adopt this type of plan and proceed with its implementation.



# POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

## Pow wows: 'such evil or foolish things' decried in 1923

February 24, 1923

Department of the Interior  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D.C.

To All Indians:

Not long ago, I held a meeting of Superintendents, Missionaries and Indians, at which the feeling of those present was strong against Indian dances, as they are usually given, and against so much time as is often spent by the Indians in a display of their old customs at public gatherings held by the whites. From the view of this meeting and from other information, I feel that something must be done to stop the neglect of stock, crops, gardens and homes interest caused by these dances or by celebrations, pow-wows and gatherings of any kind that take the time of the Indian for many days.

Now, what I want you to think about very seriously is that you must first of all try to make your own living, which you cannot do unless you work faithfully and take care of what comes from your labor, and go to dances or other meetings

only when you home work will not suffer by it. I do not want to deprive you of decent amusements or occasional feast days, but you should not do evil or foolish things or take so much time for these occasions. No good comes from your "give-away" custom at dances and it should be stopped. It is not right to torture your bodies or to handle poisonous snakes in your ceremonies. All such extreme things are wrong and should be put aside and forgotten. You do yourselves and you families great injustice when at dances you give away money or other property, perhaps clothing, a cow, a horse or team and wagon, and then after an absence of several days go home to find everything going to waste and yourselves with less to work with than you had before.

I could issue an order against these useless and harmful performances, but I would much rather have you give them up of your own free will and, therefore, I ask you now in this letter to do so. I urge you to come to an understanding and



Mid-19th Century Pictograph By Iroquois Indians Entitled "Returning Thanks To The Great Spirit."

an agreement with your Superintendent to hold no gatherings in the months when the seed-time, cultivation of crops and the harvest need your attention, and at other times to meet for only a short period and to have no drugs, intoxicants, gambling, and no dancing that the Superintendent does not approve.

If at the end of one year the reports which I receive show that you are doing as requested. I shall be very glad for I will know that you are making progress in other and more important ways, but if the reports show that you reject this plea, then some other course will have to be taken.

With best wished for you happiness and success, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
Charles H. Burke, Commissioner

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## POTAWATOMI WORD LIST



**blinnagwzet** *vai* be clean. *pres.*  
**nblinnagwes\*** (H)  
**biskon'yét** *vai* dress. *pres.*  
**nbiskon'yé** (H)  
**biwabek** *ni* iron. (H)  
**bkébzot** *vai* turn driving. *pres.*  
**nbekébes\*** (W)  
**bkonyak** *vii* be dark, be night. (W)  
**bkwézhgen** *ni* bread. (W)  
**bkwézhgenkanat** *vta* make s.o.  
(an.) into bread. (W)  
**bnegzegen** *na* kernel of dried  
corn. *pl.* **bnegzegnek** (W)  
**bmadgat** *vai* swim. *pres.*  
• **nbemadga**, **bmadgé** (H)  
**bmadzet** *vai* be alive. *pres.*  
**nbemades\*** (H)  
**bmaskat** *vai* fly. *pres.*  
**nbemashka**, **bmaské** (H)  
**bme-** *pv* along, going by. **é-bme-**  
**gmeyak** when the rain passes.  
(W)  
**bmebtot** *vai* run. *pres.* **nbembeto**,  
**nde-bmebto\*** (H)  
**bmehit** *vai* be around. *pres.* 3 *pl.*  
**bmehek** (H)  
**bmekashek** *vai* make tracks. *pres.*  
**nbemkashen\*** (H)  
**bmenat** *vta* have a pet. *pres.*  
**nbemna\*** (H)

**bmenagen** *na* pet. *pl.*  
**bmenagnek\*** (H)  
**bmesat** *vai* fly. *pres.* **nbemsa**,  
**bmesé** (H)  
**bme-wabek** *vii* be almost dawn.  
*pres.* **bme-waben** (W)  
**bme-zhyat** *vai* go by. *pres.*  
**nbeme-zhya\***, **bme-zhyé** (W)  
**bmosét** *vai* walk. *pres.* **nbemsé**  
(H)  
**bnakwan** *ni* comb. *pl.*  
**bnakwanen\*** (W)  
**bné** *na* turkey. *pl.* **bnéyek\*** (W)  
**bnéshi** *ni* bird. *pl.* **bnéshiyek\*** (W)  
**bokdo** *ni* pear. *pl.* **bokdoyen\*** (W)  
**bokma** *ni* plum. *pl.* **bokmayen\***  
(H),(W)  
**bon-** *pv* stop (doing), **é-zhe-bon-**  
**gigdot** when he stopped  
speaking. (W)  
**bozet** *vai* get in a vehicle. *pres.*  
**mboz** (W)  
**bozho** *av* hello. (W)  
**bwa-** *pv* not (in conjunct). **é-gi-**  
**bwa-byat**. 'that he didn't come'  
(H)  
**byat** *vai* come. *pres.* **nbya\***, **byé\***  
(H)  
**byé-** *pv* come and ..., come to ....  
**byé-gche-wasmok** They come

making lots of lightning.  
**byédot\*** *vta* bring s.t. *pres.*  
**mbyédon** (W)  
**byé-gwashek** *vai* come ashore.  
*pres.* **nbyé-gwashen\*** (H)  
**byémgek** *vii* come. *pres.* **byémget**  
(H)  
**byénat** *vta* bring s.o. *pres.*  
**mbyéna**(W)  
**byé-nomgek** *vii* come to happen.  
*pres.* **byé-nomget** (H)  
**byé-wabek** *vii* be dawning. *pres.*  
**byé-waben** (W)  
**byé-wiwzhet** *vai* carry a pack.  
*pres.* **nbyé-wiwzesh** (H)  
**bzheke** *na* cow. *pl.* **bzhekwek\***  
(W)  
**damat** *vta* sell to s.o. *pres.* **nde-**  
**dama** (H)  
**dat** *vai* live, dwell. *pres.* **nda\***, **dé\***,  
**cc édat** (H),(W)  
**datbek** *ni* leaf. *pl.* **datbegwén** (W)  
**dawét** *vai* sell, trade. *pres.* **nde-**  
**dawé\*** (H)  
**dbaknegét** *vai* hold council. *pres.*  
**ndebaknegé** (H)  
**dbaknegéwnene** *na* lawyer. *pl.*  
**dbaknegéwnenwek** (H)  
**ddek** *vii* be ripe. (H)

**ddék** *vii* be ripe. (H)  
**ndé'** *ni* my heart. (W)  
**dé'men** *ni* strawberry. *pl.*  
**dé'menen** (H)  
**dek** *vii* say s.t. *pres.* **ndem**, **cc**  
**édek** (W)  
**ndep** *ni* my head. *loc.* **ndebek\***  
(W)  
**déb-** *pv* get to, succeed in. **Ndéb-**  
**nsa**. 'I get to kill him.' (H)  
**dedbejéwébnat** *vta* roll s.t. (an.).  
*pres.* **nde-dedbejéwébnat\*** (H)  
**dedbejéwébnak** *vii* roll s.t. *pres.*  
**nde-dedbejéwébnan\*** (H)  
**déwé'gen** *ni* drum. *pl.*  
**déwé'genen\*** (W)  
**déwé'gét** *vai* pound on things.  
*pres.* **ndéwé'gé\*** (W)  
**dgosek** *vii* be put with something.  
*pres.* **dgosen\*** (H)  
**didis** *na* bluejay. *pl.* **didisek\*** (W)  
**dkaboyak** *vii* be cold liquid. *pres.*  
**dkaboya** (H)  
**dkobdék** *vii* be tied. *pres.* **dkobdé**  
(H)  
**dkobjegen** *ni* tie, hairribbon. *pl.*  
**dkobjegenen** (H)  
**dkobjegét** *vai* tie things. *pres.*  
**ndekbejgé**, **nde-dkobjegé** (H)  
**dokit** *vai* wake up. *pres.* **ndoki** (H)

**ndon** *nid* my mouth. *loc.* **ndonek\***  
(W)  
**dopwégen** *ni* tablecloth. *pl.*  
**dopwégnen** (H)  
**dzhe** *av* where. (H)  
**émkwan** *ni* spoon. *pl.*  
**émkwanem\*** (W)  
**ésben** *na* raccoon. *pl.* **ésbenek\***  
(H),(W)  
**ésbiké** *na* spider. *pl.* **ésbikéyek\***  
(W)  
**ézgak** *na* wood tick. *pl.* **ézgagék\***  
(W)  
**ézhí** *av* that-a way. (W)  
**gaga** *av* almost. (W)  
**gasknabagwét** *vai* be thirsty. *pres.*  
**ngasknabasgwé** (H)  
**gbegkwé'gen** *ni* lid. *pl.*  
**gbegkwé'genen** (H)  
**gbegojgen** *ni* apron. *pl.*  
**gbegojgenen** (H)  
**gbegwézet** *vai* be hollow. *pres.*  
**gbegwéze\*** (W)  
**gé** *av* also. **Gé** *nin*. Me, too. (W)  
**gého** *ni* something. **jo** **gého**  
nothing. (W)  
**ggadzet** *vai* be rich. *pres.*  
**ngegades**, **nde-ggades\*** (H)



# INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

## Tribes watching changes coming with Contract With America

(From *News From Indian Country*, Late March 1995) — Unless it is amended before passage, legislation currently moving through Congress will dismantle welfare reform already underway in Indian country.

Alaska tribes and other welfare reform advocates are trying to focus national attention on the glitch in time for Congress to include a tribal allocation provision before final passage.

As promised in last fall's "Contract with America," Congress is in the midst of drastically overhauling the welfare system. The U.S. House of Representatives is forwarding legislation that calls for major changes in how welfare programs will be funded, which families will get help, and for how long. Tribes and tribal organizations say the legislation threatens tribes and tribal members because it would end their authority to design and operate their own local programs.

Major changes are proposed in just about every part of current welfare law. The current legislation includes changes to 35 existing programs, including programs currently operated by tribes.

One fundamental change is likely to be largely unrestricted block grants to state governments for the operation of welfare and food and nutrition programs. Tribal governments, however, are not slated for similar block grants under the current legislation.

The Anchorage (Alaska) Daily news last fall lauded a work experience initiative by Tanana Chiefs Conference villages as "an excellent model for welfare reform." Tanana Chiefs Conference is a consortium of Interior Alaska village tribal governments.

The member tribe of TCC, through the consortium, currently operate the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS and JOBS/Childcare) program as well as the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program for their communities. Current proposals in Congress would combine a number of welfare and job training programs into block grants to states, but not tribes. Nutrition programs are also under consideration for combination into discretionary state block grants. Overall funding levels are expected to be significantly reduced.

"The Native values of family, sharing, caring, village cooperation and hard work are important to tribes and tribal people," said TCC's President Will Mayo. "Tribes support, and in fact, have spearheaded welfare reform that promotes these values."

Under the government-to-government relationship, there is a long-standing federal policy of empowering tribes to administer programs themselves. Tribal governments are concerned because the current House legislation would give direct funding and broad control to state governments, but leave out tribal governments.

"Tribes don't want to shirk their responsibilities to their own members or abdicate those responsibilities to the state or any other government," said Mitch Demientieff, chief of the Native Village of Nenana and a member of TCC's executive board. "Tribes don't want to be clients. Tribes expect to be equal partners in reforming welfare and providing services to their members."

Most Alaska tribes, and many tribes nationally, are in isolated or rural locations with limited employment opportunities. Jobs and locally generated revenues are virtually non-existent in much of Indian country.

Under nearly total state control, tribes fear, welfare services would revert to a system more bureaucratic, less efficient and less responsible to the circumstances in their local communities.

One of the changes currently proposed for Aid to Families with Dependent Children programming would require the states to cut off families that have received benefits for a total of 60 months over their lifetime. Additionally, it would allow the states to cut out families after a total of only 24 months' worth of assistance, with exemptions available to no more than 10 percent of the state's caseload.

Tribes are concerned that state legislatures will not consider the impacts of state policies on tribal communities. For example, time limits for benefits like AFDC could devastate economically depressed Indian communities, whose members would be forced to move to the cities to find jobs.

The Alaska Federation of natives has recommended that

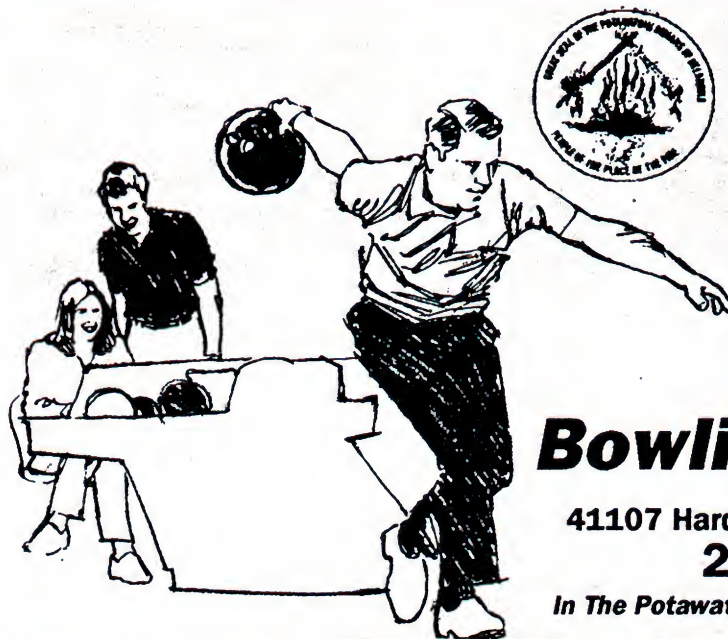
welfare reform should be tied to economic developments and include workfare programs in communities where few jobs are available.

Numerous tribes that currently administer welfare programs have already imple-

mented innovative reform strategies to promote personal and tribal responsibility.

Legislation that would change food and nutrition programs also is moving in the House. Tribally operated programs such as WIC, and

other nutrition programs such as Food Stamps and the School Lunch Program are slated for change. A similar state block grant approach is being considered, along with significant funding reductions or complete eliminations.



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## Potawatomi personnel among volunteers after bomb blast

When the nation's worst terrorist bombing broke the heart of Oklahoma April 19, Citizen Band Potawatomi were among the first to volunteer to help.

Two LPNs, Thelma Campbell and Judy Wood, volunteered their services that first day, and two tribal police officers, Chief David Kubiak and Patrolman Kent Dowell, spent many hours helping with security around the downtown Oklahoma City site of so many deaths and injuries.

Dowell was interviewed by The Shawnee Sun and The Countywide News for a story they did on those who helped. Here is what appeared in those newspapers April 27:

Kent Dowell is a police officer with the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Police and a member of the county sheriff's reserve. He and Potawatomi Police Chief David Kubiak were among the officers who escorted nurses and social workers to Oklahoma City from Shawnee on Wednesday morning, and who returned to Oklahoma City on Friday night to escort bodies to the morgue.

"We helped in any way we could," Dowell said. "Sometimes we helped carry supplies. There was an amazing amount of supplies and workers.

"What I was really impressed with was the New York City Urban Search and Rescue team. If they weren't running search dogs, they were pushing a wheelbarrow. If they weren't doing that, they were shoveling debris and trying to clear debris.

"Those guys were really working hard along with the Oklahoma City Fire Department. Police were securing the build-



Kubiak, Dowell Pose With Patrol Car

ing and evidence. It was all hard on everybody but it was those guys who were really doing the dangerous part. I met several officers from different agencies who had very little sleep but couldn't pull themselves away because they wanted to help.

"The Salvation Army was working hard to make sure we had everything we needed. There was never a short supply of water, flashlights, food, gloves or anything else we needed. Even when it was pouring down rain they were running around making sure everyone had what they needed.

"As far as damage, it was really unbelievable," Dowell said. "It was a lot worse than I had pictured — not only to that building but to those surrounding it. It was nothing like you could ever see on TV.

"We went inside around the front where the main explosion took place and in the back only because at times we were needed

up there. If we weren't needed there, we were escorted out.

"The overall atmosphere

wasn't necessarily anger towards the people that did that much evil. The workers realized how much time they had and realized the work they could do would be wasted (if they dwelled on who did it.) Anybody at the site was kind of 'how can I help.'

"Local media showed respect while getting truth to the public and local media coverage has helped in the healing process, but I don't understand the national reporters' actions and why they said and did what they did. That affected some of the workers. There's enough damage and evil done and I can't understand some of the derogatory remarks toward local rescue workers and firefighters. As far as integrity of the victims, I don't understand why they would

want to see that or show that to viewers.

"I feel for all the victims," Dowell said. "There's a playground and a YMCA down there. You keep thinking about the children who at one time or another have all been down there. Those pictures stay with you. Someone I know, who is a really good person, died in that. There's not much I can do but be there for the family.

"But the amazing thing is that the amount of good tremendously outweighs the evil that was done. It was encouraging to see the amount of good and effort and concern put into it. I don't know about out of state but I know here at home people really stepped up and took care of their own."

### CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI TRIBE

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